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SUBJECT:GOC MEAT INSPECTION DIVISION COMPLAINT OVER
FARRELL LINES, INC. SHIPPING POLICY

1. THE DIRECTOR OF THE MEAT INSPECTION DIVISION, C.K. HETHERINGTON, IN CANADA'S DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, HAS WRITTEN FARRELL LINES THAT THE COMPANY SHOULD USE CANADIAN PORTS, RATHER THAN NEW YORK CITY, TO OFFLOAD AUSTRALIAN MEAT CONSIGNMENT TO CANADA. HE STATES THAT THIS IS NECESSARY IN ORDER TO ALLOW THE MEAT INSPECTION DIVISION TO PROPERLY INSPECT THE SHIPS, AND MORE EASILY ADMINISTER CANADA'S MEAT IMPORT QUOTA CONTROLS. IN CONVERSATIONS WITH FARRELL OFFICIALS, HEATHERINGTON ACKNOWLEDGED THAT PRESSURE FROM THE PORTS OF ST. JOHN AND HALIFAX WERE FACTORS IN THIS CASE. TO DATE, NO ACTION HAS BEEN TAKEN BY THE CANADIANS TO TERMINATE ITS ARRANGEMENTS WITH FARRELL.

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2. SINCE THE MEAT IS IN CONTAINERS ALL THE WAY FROM THE

AUSTRALIAN SHIPPER TO THE CANADIAN IMPORTER, FARRELL SEES LITTLE REASON FOR THE CANADIAN AUTHORITIES TO INSPECT THE SHIPS. ALSO, IT WOULD APPEAR THAT MEAT IMPORT QUOTA CONTROLS CAN BE ADMINISTERED AT ANY BORDER CROSSINGS THAT ARE USED BY THE TRUCKERS WHO HAUL THE CONTAINERS FROM NEW YORK CITY TO THE CANADIAN CONSIGNEES.

3. WE WOULD APPRECIATE THE EMBASSY'S REPORTING ON WHAT, IF ANY, GOC REGULATIONS PERTAIN TO THIS MATTER. KISSINGER

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